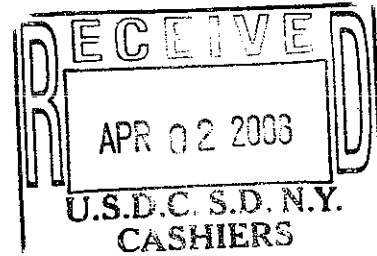


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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA, and AMERICAN HOME
ASSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

LAFARGE NORTH AMERICA, INC. and
AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS MUTUAL
PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY
ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Defendants.
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RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and to enable the District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Plaintiff The Northern Assurance Company of America (a private, non-governmental party) certifies that said party is a wholly owned subsidiary of OneBeacon Insurance Company, which, in turn, is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of White Mountain Insurance Group, Ltd.

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